

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Elsie Arntzen, on January 25, 2007 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

Staff Present: Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 252, HB 280, HB 314, 1/19/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 314

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:11 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 314, Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:04 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner
[EXHIBIT\(loh17a01\)](#)
00:08:13 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties
00:10:09 Cynthia Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner
00:11:16 Jamie Doggett, Meagher County Commissioner
00:11:48 Lawrence (did not sign in and name was not audible upon listening), Great Falls Airport Authority
00:13:24 Mike Ferguson, Northwest Regional Aircraft Owners Association
00:14:54 J. C. Kantorowicz, President, Great Falls Pilots Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:16 Tom Ebzery, Montana Airport Managers Association
00:18:23 Cynthia Schultz, Airport Director, Great Falls Airport Authority
[EXHIBIT\(loh17a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(loh17a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(loh17a04\)](#)
00:34:06 Jeff Mangan, Great Falls Airport Authority
00:39:44 Rick Griffith, Airport Manager, Butte Airport

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:50 Rep. Stahl
00:42:50 Rep. Jacobson
00:43:55 Mr. Mangan
00:47:11 Rep. Ingraham
00:47:33 Mr. Mangan
00:49:08 Rep. Ankney
00:49:36 Mr. Mangan
00:52:53 Rep. Nooney
00:53:14 Mr. Ebzery
00:54:44 Rep. Kottel

00:56:29 Mr. Mangan
01:00:02 Rep. Ankney
01:00:27 Rep. Ingraham
01:01:31 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:59 Rep. Jones

01:07:17 Break
01:13:54 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:07 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 252, Revise local government powers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:19 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
01:33:48 J.D. Lynch, Butte-Silverbow Counties
01:34:44 Jamie McCall, City of Billings

EXHIBIT (loh17a05)

01:36:43 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber Commerce,
Yellowstone County Commissioners
01:38:11 Tim Ravndal, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:41:16 Don Judge, Teamsters Local #190
01:42:20 J.C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT
01:42:52 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Retirement
System
01:43:30 John Alke, Attorney, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company,
NorthWestern Energy
01:47:59 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association
01:50:26 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers Association
01:51:17 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
01:52:19 Kurt Bushnell, President, Montana State
Firemens Association
01:52:47 Alan Wright, self
01:54:07 Roger Halver, Montana Landlords Association
01:54:50 Tim Ravndal, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:56:07 Rep. Stahl
01:57:11 Mr. Hansen
01:57:38 Rep. Peterson
01:58:56 Rep. Grinde
01:59:30 Rep. Peterson
02:00:46 Rep. Nooney
02:02:40 Rep. Hands
02:02:58 Rep. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:57 Rep. Peterson
[EXHIBIT\(loh17a06\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:38 Rep. Ray Hawk (R), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 280,
Revise impact fee laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:11:07 John McGee, Superintendent, Florence Carlton Schools
02:15:28 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

Opponents' Testimony:

02:16:31 Dustin Stewart, Montana Association of Home Builders,
Montana Building Industry Association
02:24:12 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors and for
Glen Oppel

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:06 Rep. Ebinger
02:26:28 Mr. Stewart
02:26:45 Rep. Ingraham
02:28:10 Mr. McGee
02:31:12 Rep. Ankney
02:32:00 Mr. McGee

Closing by Sponsor:

02:32:25

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:33 P.M.

REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([loh17aad.pdf](#))